

Regular Council Meeting
May 9th, 2023
5:00 PM

- The Piedmont City Council met in regular session on May 9, 2023 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Alderman Roger Bishop, Alderwoman Karin Townsend, Alderwoman Morgan Robinson, City Treasurer Dennis Ross, City Attorney Robert Ramshur, and City Clerk Tammy Thurman. Mayor William H. Kirkpatrick presided over the meeting.

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick listed the following items for consideration:

1. Call to order and welcome guest.
2. Approve minutes from the previous meetings:
 - a) April 11th, 2023 Retiring City Council Regular Meeting
 - b) April 11th, 2023 New City Council Regular Meeting
 - c) April 11th, 2023 Executive Session
3. Amend the budget if necessary
4. Approve accounts payable for May 2023
5. Approve/disapprove Resolution 2023-02 concerning acceptance and compliance with various requirements to obtain financial assistance from United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for water plant, water line upgrades and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents concerning the grant/loan requirements
6. Approve/disapprove authorizing the Mayor to apply for a 100% grant, funded through the Delta Regional Authority for a City Economic Master Plan, which is now a state requirement
7. Appointment of non-elected officials
8. Discuss and approve allowing the Chamber of Commerce to use the Greenway for the fire work display on July 4th, 2023, and to waive the firework ordinance
9. Miscellaneous
10. Retire into executive session
11. Adjourn both meetings

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1. Mayor Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order and welcomed the following guests: City Collector Bill McMurry, Chief of Police Richard Sanders, Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson, Levi Kinnard, Christopher Glen McMahan, Jessica McMahan, Paul Manetz, Street Supervisor Darin Percy, David Green, Vicki Eaton, Frank Tiephenbrock, and City Secretary Barb Potter.

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2. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to approve the minutes of the retiring, new, and executive council meetings April 11, 2023.

Alderwoman Townsend made the motion to approve the April 11, 2023, Retiring Council Minutes, and April 11, 2023 Regular and Executive Session Council Minutes. Alderwoman Robinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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3. City Treasurer, Dennis Ross, stated that there was no need to amend the budget at this time.

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4. Mayor Kirkpatrick called for a motion to approve the accounts payable for May 2023.

Alderman Bishop made the motion, second by Alderwoman Townsend to approve accounts payable for May 2023 Posting Journals 4694-4701 in the amount of \$45,812.27. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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5. Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Morgan to approve RESOLUTION 2023-02 concerning acceptance and compliance with various requirements to obtain financial assistance from United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for water plant and water line upgrades and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents concerning the grant/loan requirements. The motion passed.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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6. Alderman Bishop made the motion to apply for a 100% funded grant through the Delta Regional Authority for a city Economic Master Plan. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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7. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated that no changes would be made on the non-elected official positions. No motions or votes were made on this issue.

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8. Alderman Bishop made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Robinson to approve allowing the Chamber of Commerce to use the Greenway for the Fourth Of July Firework display and to waive the firework ordinance. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent
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9. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if there was any other business before the council:

- Fire Chief Andrew Dickerson informed the council that the Piedmont Fire Department was approved for the SFY 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Fire Protection Grant (FPG) Award # SLFRP4542-FPG192 in the amount of \$15,109.80. The Fire Department will use the money to purchase extraction equipment and chainsaw. The grant is a 50%-50% requiring that city match the funds with \$7,554.90.

Alderman Bishop made the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to accept the above mentioned fire grant and to match with \$7,554.90 in a city share. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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- Alderman Bishop made the motion, seconded Alderman Allen to seek funding for the water plant/water line upgrades through Delta Regional Authority by obtaining a company that will enter into a Participation Agreement by retaining jobs for five years. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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- Alderman Bishop made the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize the Mayor to make necessary budget cuts in the Paving project to stay within the grant amount. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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- Alderman Bishop made the motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to allow the Police Department to purchase two more bullet proof vest, one with grant funding, and one through the city matching funds. The motion carried.

Alderman Bishop	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderman Allen	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick recognized Phillip Burton with the Piedmont Park Board. Mr. Burton updated the Mayor and council on the summer park program volunteers, and requested that the council consider allowing the volunteers to make minor improvements at the parks. Mayor Kirkpatrick suggested that the volunteers pick up the materials for the needed repairs and mark the tickets accordingly. No votes or motions were made on this issue.

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick recognized Christopher McMahan with Natures Cottage. Mr. McMahan requested that the council consider changing Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, in the Piedmont Code book. Mr. McMahan has a valid permit/license issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation for exotic animals. Mr. McMahan's goal is to open a small exotic animal zoo on Park Street. City Attorney, Bob Ramshur, will make the necessary changes to the city's ordinance. No votes or motions were made at this time.

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick informed the council that the Missouri Department of Transportation had met with the mayor to discuss connecting to city sewer. The Mayor stated that three different locations had been discussed and that he would keep the council informed of MoDOT's selection of location.

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10. With no other business before the council, Alderman Bishop made the motion to retire into executive session. Alderwoman Robinson seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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11. Upon returning from Executive Session, Alderwoman Townsend made the motion, seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Piedmont and Jessica McMahan for the former AARP building located on Henry White Boulevard. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

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12. With no further business before the Council, Alderman Bishop made the motion to adjourn the May 9th, 2023 regular and executive meetings. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

Alderwoman Robinson	Aye	Alderman Bishop	Aye
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Allen	Absent

William H. Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
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